



St. Jerome Norwalk
September 20, 2026
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Weekends

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am
(10:00 am live streamed)

Confessions

Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass
at 9:00 am every first Friday of the
month

Devotion Mass followed by Holy
Rosary at 9:00 am every first
Saturday of the month

Monday - Friday

9:00 am Mass
Confession available after 9 am
Mass and anytime upon request

Mass of the Sick (Healing mass) at
5:00 pm every last Tuesday of the
month

Wednesdays

8:00 am Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament and
benediction

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Pastor's Desk

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Theme: “Are You Envious Because I Am Generous?”

Matthew 20:1–16a

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel challenges us to examine one of the struggles of the human heart: envy and comparison. Jesus tells us about workers who were hired at different times of the day. At the end of the day, they all received the same daily wage. Those who had worked from early morning complained because those who worked only one hour received the same amount. The landowner answered, “Are you envious because I am generous?” The early workers were not cheated. They received exactly what had been promised. Their unhappiness came from comparing what they received with what someone else received.

How often do we fall into the same trap? We can become dissatisfied not because we lack God's blessings, but because we see someone else receiving something we desire. We compare families, careers, possessions, ministries, recognition, and even our spiritual journeys. Jesus reminds us that God's generosity is not a competition. Another person's blessing does not take anything away from us. God's mercy toward someone else does not diminish His love for us. This has a practical meaning for our parish community. We should rejoice when someone returns to the Church, when a new parishioner offers a gift, when a young person steps forward to serve, or when another ministry flourishes. Instead of asking, “Why them?” we can ask, “Lord, how can I help your grace grow among us?”

The Gospel calls us to replace envy with gratitude, comparison with encouragement, and competition with cooperation. Perhaps this week we can make one simple commitment: celebrate someone else's blessing without comparing it to our own. Thank God for that person, encourage them, and recognize that we are all workers in the same vineyard.

At the end of the day, none of us can claim that we have earned God's love. Everything is grace. We are all dependent upon the generosity of the same Lord. So let us hear Jesus' question as a personal invitation: “Are you envious because I am generous?”

May God give us grateful hearts that rejoice not only in what He does for us, but also in what He does for others.

Amen.

God bless you.

Fr. Hygi.

HOW ARE WE DOING?



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2026

Week of September 13

In-Pew	\$717
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$4,345
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$5,062</u>
<i>Budget</i>	<i>\$7,200.00</i>

Note: Gifts, and Annual Offertory are reported at month end.

One-time credit card donations can be made on our website by visiting www.osvhub.com/Stjeromenorwalk/giving/funds and click on my Account on top toolbar.

If envelopes are your thing, you can drop in the basket, drop off or mail those to the church office at any time!! *Thank you for your support.*

If you need assistance with your Online giving and would like to increase your weekly offertory, please contact the Parish Office at 203-847-5349.

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Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

Weekend of September 19 & 20 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- +Giovanni Casale requested by Family
- +Lucy Allocca requested by Family
- +Richard DeBellis requested by Friends

Monday, September 21st

Parishioners of St. Jerome

Tuesday, September 22nd

- +Vincent Michael Mendoza requested by Family

Wednesday, September 23rd

Peter Schmitt requested by Katie Cummings

Thursday, September 24th

- +Mary Nicholas requested by Ginger Cox

Friday, September 25th

Kristin Cusumano requested by Family

Weekend of September 26 & 27th 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- +Michael Chuba Sr. requested by Family
- +Maria Granata requested by Family

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BOUNCY HOUSES FOR THE KIDS!

Children can enjoy two bouncy houses during the event: one for children ages 5 and under and one for children over age 5.

Come and have fun!



Loss Group Meeting

September 19, 2026 2:00-3:30PM

Parish Hall.

All are welcome.

We invite all Confirmation Prep 8th grade to join us for a Parent/Child Meeting on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall. We look forward to seeing you there! Faith Formation K-7th grade classes will start on September 27th.

On September 27, we will have a special Blessing of Students and Teachers at all Masses. Please join us as Fr. Hygi asks God's blessings upon all students, teachers, and school staff for a successful and faith-filled school year.

The Diocese of Bridgeport and all its parishes will celebrate Rosary Weekend on October 3 and 4th. Please join us at the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, October 3, for a Rosary Procession at the beginning of Mass in honor of our Blessed Virgin Mary. On Sunday, October 4, the Prayer of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses

Adult Scripture Study will begin at St. Jerome on October 10th and will meet every other Saturday from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Wedding Anniversary Blessing

Are you celebrating your 10th, 15th, 20th, 30th, or any higher wedding anniversary this year? If you would like to receive a special blessing from Fr. Hygi at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on October 3, please notify the Parish Office.

Open Door Food Drive September 19–September 30th



Help Make A Difference!



Grocery Pantry Most Needed Items

Low-sodium and sugar-free options are appreciated

Manual can openers	Fresh fruit and vegetables!
Canned tuna	Canned chicken
Spaghetti sauce	Canned pasta dinners
Peanut butter	Jelly (grape or strawberry)
Rice (2 lb bags)	Dried beans (red or black)
Canned soup	Canned beans (red or black)
Canned vegetables	Fruit cups or canned fruit
Mac & cheese	Vegetable oil
Sugar (2 or 4 lb bags)	All-purpose flour (2 or 5 lb bags)
Cereal	Pancake mix & syrup
Oatmeal	Cream of wheat
Coffee	Juice or juice boxes
Tea	Dry or shelf-stable milk
Spices	Reusable grocery bags

Regular sizes are better than big family/economy size products! Many homes have limited storage, and it's also easier to carry for people who are walking or taking public transit.

Please deliver Monday through Friday, 9:30am to noon. Contact us for a weekend delivery or large donations!

You can also visit <https://www.opendoorsctdonate.org>
to shop online and help stock our grocery pantry!



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Mass Remembrance

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a deceased relative or friend, or a Mass for healing, thanksgiving, grace, or a private intention for a living person in need of prayers, please contact the Parish Office.

Welcome.

So glad you're here....

Do you want to become a member of St Jerome Parish?

If you do, and want information on how to register to become a parishioner, then please complete the following and put it in the offertory basket.

Once we receive this form, we will send you a registration form for you to fill out so you can become a member of our community.



Name _____

Address _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____



We look forward to hearing from you!